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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Douglas R. Lamb	:	Examiner:	Marianne S. Ocampo
Serial No.:	10/056,277	:	Art Unit:	1723
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**FIRST AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with an Appeal Brief for the above-captioned matter. Further to a Notice of Appeal filed on April 07, 2004, the Appeal Brief is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 07, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed contemporaneously with the Appeal Brief, and the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any and all required fees to Deposit Account No. 030172 (Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP).

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